

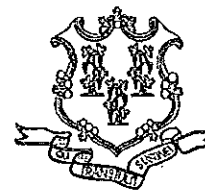


# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Public Hearing Testimony

Government Administration and Elections Committee  
March 3, 2014



#### H.B. No. 5049 AN ACT ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT REGULATION

The Department of Children and Families supports H.B. No. 5049, An Act Eliminating Unnecessary Government Regulation. This bill amends various statutes concerning programs and functions of the Department of Children and Families including the repeal of a number or obsolete regulatory requirements.

DCF conducted a comprehensive review of all of agency regulations pursuant to Governor Malloy's directive last year. As such we recommended over a dozen obsolete or unnecessary statutory and regulatory provisions for amendment or repeal.

**Proposed Substitute language - Section 33 - add repeal of sections 17a-155-1 through 17a-155-35, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Concerning the Licensure of Permanent Family Residences. Statutory authority for these regulations was repealed by Public Act 13-40.**

The table below summarizes the various sections of this bill which pertain to DCF.

Bill Section	Statutory Reference	Comments
Sec. 10	17a-7	Placement of Children and Youth on Aftercare No statutory authority for existing regulation. Language is outdated, regulations not necessary. Regulation proposed to be repealed. New statutory language incorporates a key element of the regulations.
Sec. 11	17a-7a	Standard Leave and Release Policies for Juvenile Offenders Regulations are outdated and not necessary. Statute to be amended to repeal regulation requirement and regulations proposed to be repealed.
Sec. 12	17a-12	Hearings on Placement of Children and Youth in State Operated Mental Health Facilities No statutory authority on this topic per se. All hearing procedures will be written into regulation concerning the Organization of the Department. Statute to be amended and regulations proposed to be repealed.
Sec. 13	17a-15	Treatment Plan and Hearings No statutory authority on this topic per se. All hearing procedures will be written into regulation concerning the Organization of the Department. Statute to be amended and regulations proposed to be repealed.
Sec. 14	17a-37(b)	Establishment of Unified School District II Existing permissive regulatory authority however, no existing regulations.

		Statute to be amended to repeal permissive regulation authority.
Sec. 15	17a-42(c)	Establishment of Photo-Listing Service for Children Legally Free for Adoption Statute to be amended to repeal regulation requirement and regulations proposed to be repealed. Regulations are unnecessary; sufficient detail in other statutes and agency policy.
Sec. 16	17a-90(c)	Fair Hearings No statutory authority on this topic per se. All hearing procedures will be written into regulation concerning the Organization of the Department. Statute to be amended and regulations proposed to be repealed.
Sec. 17	17a-101g(g)	Differential Response Statute to be amended to repeal permissive regulation authority. Regulatory authority not necessary.
Sec. 18	17a-110	Permanency Plans for Children Statute to be amended to repeal regulation requirement. Regulations were not promulgated.
Sec. 19	17a-127	Development and Implementation of Individual Service Plan and Child Specific Teams Statute to be amended to repeal permissive regulation authority.
Sec. 20	17a-151	Criminal Background Checks for Licensees Statute to be amended to repeal regulation requirement.
Sec. 33	New section	Includes repealers for numerous regulations, including the following DCF regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17a-7-1 to 17a-7-11, Placement of Children and Youth on Aftercare (<i>see also</i> § 10);</li> <li>• 17a-7a-1 to 17a-7a-9, Standard Leave and Release Policies for Juvenile Offenders (<i>see also</i> § 11);</li> <li>• 17a-12-1 to 17a-12-6, Hearings on Placement of Children and Youth in State Operated Mental Health Facilities (<i>see also</i> § 12);</li> <li>• 17a-15-1 to 17a-15-11, Treatment Plan and Hearings (<i>see also</i> § 13);</li> <li>• 17a-16-14 to 17a-16-18, Rights of Children and Youth Under the Supervision of the Commissioner of Children and Families;</li> <li>• 17a-42-1 to 17a-42-5, Establishment of Photo-Listing Service for Children Legally Free for Adoption (<i>see also</i> § 15);</li> <li>• 17a-90-1 to 17a-90-13, Fair Hearings (<i>see also</i> § 16);</li> <li>• 17a-100-1 to 17a-100-14, Removal Hearings for Out of Home Care Providers; and</li> <li>• 17a-101(e)-1 to 17a-101(e)-6, Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect</li> </ul>
Sec. 34	Repealer section	Includes § 17a-107, Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect Repeals statute and regulation requirement.